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Delaware Law School

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To: First Year (1L) Students in the Juris Doctor Program

From: Dean Carly Gardner and Professors Luke Scheuer and Mary Ellen Maatman

Re: Orientation 2026 Delaware Law Engages and Reading Supplement

This memorandum provides the final details about Orientation materials and content prior to the start of Orientation on August 11, 2026. Please note that these materials are in addition to the *JDEdge* online program assignments discussed in the Orientation Introduction Memorandum and posted to the [Orientation web page](#).

In addition to *JDEdge* assignments, the following materials will be covered during Orientation:

Delaware Law Engages: As part of 1L Orientation, we offer a program called “Delaware Law Engages” where incoming students have an opportunity to learn about then discuss topics and scenarios relevant to law and society. This year, we have chosen the *Defamation Experience* by Canamac Productions. While there is no preparation required for this session, please come prepared to participate in this interactive and immersive program. Watch the trailer posted on the [Orientation web page](#) and come ready to engage.

Orientation Reading Supplement: The final component of Orientation preparation is the Orientation Reading Supplement. These readings are important, as they will complement materials covered in *JDEdge* and provide necessary context for several of your Orientation sessions. The Orientation Reading Supplement is available on the [Orientation web page](#).

Your Orientation schedules will be posted to Canvas, our learning management system, by early August. You can access Canvas by visiting our homepage at delawarelaw.widener.edu and navigating to “Canvas” in the top right corner or by logging into my.widener.edu and selecting the “Canvas” from the available links.

In the meantime, feel free to contact Dean Gardner at cagardner@widener.edu if you have any questions about Orientation or these assignments. We look forward to meeting you next month!